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MEMORANDA.

Population.—The latest estimate on 30th June shows that the population is now increasing more quickly than for twelve or thirteen years. During last quarter the total increase was 9,540, or at the rate of 2·5 per cent. per annum. Of this increase 6,691 was due to excess of births, and 3,660 to excess of immigration.

Trade.—The imports during July were valued at £2,906,702, which is £302,736 more than the corresponding month of last year. For the first seven months there was an increase of £2,808,687, as compared with last year. The direct oversea imports during the month amounted to £1,569,274, as compared with £1,313,749 in July, 1905. During the seven months there was a falling-off in gold and apparel and soft goods, while increases were shown in metals, machinery, iron and steel, and agricultural implements.

The oversea exports for July amounted to £1,733,433, and for the first seven months to £14,947,890, which show increases of £587,550 and £4,881,516 respectively, compared with the corresponding periods of last year. There were increases in all the principal articles, especially butter, wool, and gold. Of the increase during the seven months, £11,457,144 was in merchandise and £3,490,746 in gold.

Railways.—The report on Railways and Tramways for the year ended 30th June shows that the earnings amounted to £4,234,791, and were £550,000 larger than in the record year, 1904. The working expenses were £2,308,884, so that the balance was £1,926,407, an improvement of £434,538 for the year. After paying working expenses and interest on capital invested, there was a surplus of £384,980. The proportion of working expenses to earnings decreased from 59·5 to 54·5 per cent., while profit represents a return of 4·42 per cent. on the capital invested, which is £43,626,023. The results are the best since 1883, being contributed to by all classes of traffic, and are evidence of very great prosperity in the State.

Banks of Issue.—The banking averages for the quarter ended 30th June show that at the end of the quarter the deposits exceeded the advances by £7,042,901, there having been during the three months an increase in advances of £452,004, and in deposits of £196,573.

Current accounts increased by £1,434,956, compared with the corresponding quarter of 1905; deposits were £3,127,345 greater, reserves of coin and bullion were £432,722 greater, and advances were £91,704 greater. The total bank clearances in Sydney during the quarter amounted to £65,510,556, an increase of £11,109,422, as compared with the corresponding quarter of 1905.

Mineral Production.—The gold-yield during July was 22,765 oz. crude, equal to 18,959 oz. fine, valued at £80,532. During the seven months of 1906 there has been an increase in the value of gold produced of £42,833, as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

The value of the mineral production for 1905 (Table 32) has been altered since last issue, owing to adjustments in the values of tin and copper. The net export of these two minerals is taken as the production, and an examination of the final Customs returns showed that the information previously supplied had understated the position.

Postal Communication.—The figures for 1905 just available show that 112,000,000 letters and post-cards were carried during the year. This represents the very high proportion of 76 per head of population, a figure which is exceeded by very few countries. The number of post offices in 1905 was 2,266, and there were 14,827 miles of telegraph wire open.

Prices.—The general index number for July was lower than in either of the two preceding months. The index number for pastoral produce was 1,347; for metals, 1,323; and for all articles, 1,270. During the month prices of the industrial metals and of wool declined.

Rates of Wages.—The table giving the rates of wages of mechanics, artizans, domestic servants, and others, is intended to show the ordinary current rates of wages ruling in the various trades. When a weekly average is given, it indicates, so far as can be ascertained, the amount earned per week all the year round, taking into account fluctuations of employment.

Meteorology.—During the month conditions generally were dry, especially in the coastal districts. With few exceptions the rainfall was below the average. On the southern highlands rain was experienced at the beginning of the month, and at the end in the western districts and highlands.

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No. 1.—Population.

Year.				Estimated Population at end of Year.			Annual Increase.		Mean Population.
				Males.	Females.	Total.	Numerical.	Per cent.	
1895	...	...	...	672,520	589,750	1,262,270	23,020	1'86	1,250,760
1896	...	...	...	680,185	598,785	1,278,970	16,700	1'32	1,270,620
1897	...	...	...	692,090	609,690	1,301,780	22,810	1'78	1,290,375
1898	...	...	...	701,815	621,315	1,323,130	21,350	1'64	1,312,455
1899	...	...	...	710,520	633,560	1,344,080	20,950	1'58	1,333,605
1900	...	...	...	718,995	645,595	1,364,590	20,510	1'53	1,354,335
1901	...	...	...	723,935	656,496	1,379,531	14,941	1'09	1,372,060
1902	...	...	...	740,775	666,846	1,407,621	28,090	2'04	1,393,622
1903	...	...	...	754,632	676,997	1,431,629	24,008	1'70	1,422,803
1904	...	...	...	773,234	688,299	1,461,533	29,904	2'09	1,446,440
1905	...	...	...	794,400	701,650	1,496,050	34,517	2'36	1,478,600
31st March, 1906	...	...	...	799,260	705,440	1,504,700	.....	.....	.....
30th June, 1906	...	...	...	804,740	709,500	1,514,240	.....	.....	.....

No. 2.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

Year.				Births.		Deaths.		Excess of Births over Deaths.	
				Marriages.					
					Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Per 1,000 of Population.
1895	...	...	...	8,030	19,877	18,897	8,671	6,243	19'07
1896	...	...	...	8,495	18,691	17,815	9,256	6,583	16'27
1897	...	...	...	8,813	18,989	18,258	8,314	5,950	17'81
1898	...	...	...	8,888	18,723	17,499	9,636	7,025	14'90
1899	...	...	...	9,275	18,613	17,848	9,131	6,770	15'42
1900	...	...	...	9,996	18,964	18,182	8,951	6,167	16'26
1901	...	...	...	10,538	19,149	18,726	9,327	6,694	15'93
1902	...	...	...	10,486	19,322	18,513	9,535	7,111	15'20
1903	...	...	...	9,759	18,377	17,589	9,428	7,069	13'68
1904	...	...	...	10,422	19,857	18,810	8,733	6,627	16'11
1905	...	...	...	10,941	20,261	19,311	8,715	6,265	16'63
Jan. to June, 1906	...	...	...	5,818	10,127	9,712	4,160	3,019	.....
Apl. to June, 1906	...	...	...	2,994	5,276	4,933	2,029	1,489	.....
„ 1905	...	...	...	2,898	4,999	4,751	2,178	1,542	.....

No. 3.—Movement of Population.

Year.	Arrivals.					Departures.				
	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.
	Males.	Females	Males.	Females		Males.	Females	Males.	Females	
1895	49,213	26,838	36,770	21,305	134,126	48,331	23,797	39,423	23,415	134,966
1896	40,683	21,950	41,290	23,456	127,379	44,429	23,458	39,314	24,145	131,346
1897	44,780	22,236	45,357	25,992	138,365	43,039	22,572	45,868	27,059	138,538
1898	49,186	26,340	44,340	25,600	145,466	40,945	24,453	45,943	20,336	143,677
1899	49,960	27,674	46,358	25,625	149,617	47,817	23,746	49,278	28,386	149,227
1900	45,585	23,198	51,783	30,747	151,313	45,259	21,931	53,647	31,994	152,831
1901	50,234	25,905	56,341	31,132	163,612	44,332	25,168	68,025	33,000	170,525
1902	54,942	26,249	52,128	27,381	166,700	42,085	25,407	57,032	29,275	153,799
1903	46,121	24,449	54,320	27,464	152,354	39,529	24,097	56,004	28,185	147,815
1904	48,700	24,278	54,994	28,287	156,259	39,492	24,128	56,724	29,318	149,662
1905	47,877	26,280	62,987	35,142	172,286	38,904	24,770	62,340	36,347	162,361
Jan. to June, 1906 ...	24,677	15,102	34,028	20,734	94,541	21,110	14,159	33,336	20,452	89,057
Apl. to June, 1906...	12,621	7,468	17,873	10,350	48,312	9,998	6,431	18,263	10,771	45,463
April to June, 1905 ...	11,679	6,266	16,084	8,691	42,720	9,883	6,191	15,271	9,065	40,410

No. 4.—Countries whence Immigrants arrived.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1900	82,530	45,962	4,857	9,770	8,194	151,313
1901	87,473	46,982	4,579	13,706	10,872	163,612
1902	79,509	46,899	4,864	13,161	16,267	160,700
1903	81,784	42,529	4,249	12,868	10,924	152,354
1904	83,281	42,910	4,842	14,314	10,912	156,259
1905	98,129	44,302	4,859	15,093	9,903	172,286
Jan. to June, 1906 ...	54,762	24,296	1,947	9,339	4,197	94,541
Apl. to June, 1906...	28,223	12,008	861	4,943	2,277	48,312
April to June, 1905 ...	24,775	10,169	868	4,758	2,150	42,720

No. 5.—Countries for which Emigrants departed.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1900	85,641	42,863	5,798	9,477	9,952	152,831
1901	101,025	43,426	5,221	12,159	8,694	170,525
1902	86,307	36,540	5,956	12,803	12,193	153,799
1903	84,189	34,909	5,136	13,204	10,377	147,815
1904	86,042	35,920	5,837	12,782	9,081	149,662
1905	98,687	36,762	5,501	12,310	9,101	162,361
Jan. to June, 1906 ...	53,788	20,934	3,537	5,873	4,925	89,057
Apl. to June, 1906 ..	29,034	9,685	1,756	2,581	2,407	45,463
April to June, 1905 ...	24,336	8,576	2,151	2,424	2,923	40,410

No. 6.—Principal Articles Imported, 1905 and 1904.

Article.	1905.			1904.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ale and Beer	34,961	116,911	151,872	35,729	134,312	170,041
Animals, Living	1,497,916	35,299	1,533,215	1,775,340	32,612	1,807,952
Apparel and Attire	356,366	775,523	1,131,889	294,614	742,373	1,036,987
Piece Goods	244,312	2,432,180	2,676,492	205,866	2,278,201	2,484,067
Boots and Shoes	186,882	104,096	290,978	187,993	142,649	330,642
Cordage and Twines	33,156	32,228	65,384	33,893	170,273	204,166
Drugs and Chemicals	21,220	157,228	178,448	18,081	116,588	134,669
Fish—all kinds	21,743	84,204	105,947	26,738	92,929	119,667
Fruits and Vegetables	488,717	68,084	556,801	389,881	62,112	451,993
Furniture	32,040	81,811	113,851	25,318	80,816	106,134
Glass and Glassware	21,937	94,720	116,657	24,585	108,724	133,309
Gold—Coined and Uncoined... ..	3,550,994	957,380	4,508,374	3,947,861	518,142	4,466,003
Hats and Caps	53,963	148,179	202,142	52,808	173,894	226,702
Implements, &c., Agricultural	174,732	89,293	264,025	164,633	148,375	313,008
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	25,088	221,970	247,058	20,495	183,575	204,070
Galvanized Sheet	31,588	251,912	283,500	25,249	234,267	259,516
Leather	95,153	109,552	204,705	76,329	117,980	194,309
Machines and Machinery	169,150	763,919	933,075	139,556	678,955	818,511
Metal Manufactures—Free	60,347	521,993	582,340	39,690	327,280	366,970
Dutiable	109,560	401,124	510,684	93,764	364,480	458,244
Oil—Kerosene... ..	11,441	128,776	140,217	11,292	120,224	131,516
Spirits—all kinds	68,486	327,948	396,434	70,169	263,774	333,943
Sugar	622,446	111,110	733,556	612,157	83,619	695,776
Tea	38,438	335,432	373,870	36,760	351,315	388,075
Timber... ..	177,308	336,698	514,006	143,992	421,623	565,615
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	124,184	203,401	327,585	132,853	212,831	345,684
Wool	1,129,709	2,534	1,132,243	919,603	2,885	922,488
All other Articles	5,557,042	5,591,618	11,148,660	4,646,852	4,969,049	9,615,901
Total	£ 14,938,885	14,485,123	29,424,008	14,152,101	13,133,857	27,285,958

No. 7.—Principal Articles Exported, 1905 and 1904.

Article.	1905.				1904.	
	Quantities.		Value.		Value.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
			£	£	£	£
Animals, Living			2,101,458	144,989	679,114	90,628
Butter lb.	2,287,883	17,153,024	93,947	723,873	59,788	811,820
Coal tons.	1,510,989	1,940,229	772,851	792,751	752,686	724,779
Copper, Ingots, & Matte cwt.	797	380,470	2,851	1,277,748	2,003	868,041
Gold Coin and Bullion			474,896	2,578,435	302,878	4,929,575
Grain—Wheat... .. cental	694,807	2,710,545	194,256	761,437	208,184	1,415,489
Flour "	316,868	701,075	131,129	258,767	143,109	184,575
Lead—Pig, and Matte			462,162	610,696	16,271	649,804
Leather			104,798	339,813	106,148	233,813
Meats—Mutton and Lamb lb.	3,211,666	48,707,817	39,734	576,233	8,525	275,227
Rabbits and Hares prs.		3,150,300	1,500	143,768	1,721	54,286
Oil—Cocoanut gall.	35,171	932,830	4,012	112,401	4,712	140,600
Ores—N.e.i.			9,200	303,012	17,127	256,510
Silver Bullion, &c. oz.	2,416,627	820,481	191,761	96,517	251	176,348
Silver-lead Bullion		589,367		572,283	22,966	580,839
*Silver-lead Ore cwt.	260,070	371,149	42,769	152,869	1,490,518	138,605
Skins—Hides No.	76,711	148,474	86,208	162,295	78,401	80,173
Sheep "	379,571	3,199,651	79,190	350,389	43,327	160,466
Rabbit and Hare lb.	317,768	4,246,193	9,004	160,180	9,142	97,381
Other			2,942	264,214	8,758	161,616
+Spelter, Concentrates, &c. cwt.	7,060,805	247,062	1,306,997	43,946	32,742	46,344
Tallow "	13,312	396,563	11,927	452,403	11,415	268,108
Timber			29,387	323,878	23,722	185,698
Tin Ingots cwt.	171	66,341	1,238	464,811	903	408,666
Wool—Greasy and Scoured lb.	56,083,721	230,217,131	2,304,925	11,141,335	1,593,627	8,657,131
All other Articles			3,804,330	1,684,487	4,299,982	1,493,263
Total	£		12,263,472	24,403,530	9,918,050	23,089,785

* See Spelter Concentrates, &c.

† See Silver-lead Ore.

No. 8.—Trade.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895 ...	6,758,140	9,234,275	15,992,415	7,104,812	14,829,973	21,934,785
1896 ...	8,855,161	11,706,349	20,561,510	7,945,243	15,065,106	23,010,349
1897 ...	8,972,854	12,771,496	21,744,350	7,788,077	15,962,995	23,751,072
1898 ...	11,721,033	12,732,527	23,453,560	8,162,429	19,485,688	27,648,117
1899 ...	10,868,437	14,725,878	25,594,315	8,862,274	19,583,192	28,445,466
1900 ...	10,164,080	17,396,991	27,561,071	9,979,214	18,185,302	28,164,516
1901 ...	9,368,011	17,560,207	26,928,218	9,140,497	18,210,625	27,351,122
1902 ...	10,949,675	15,024,535	25,974,210	7,568,922	15,975,129	23,544,051
1903 ...	12,792,252	13,977,917	26,770,169	7,876,898	18,861,213	26,738,111
1904 ...	14,152,101	13,133,857	27,285,958	9,918,050	23,089,785	33,007,835
1905 ...	14,938,885	14,485,123	29,424,008	12,263,472	24,493,530	36,757,002

No. 9.—Trade Comparison—Imports—Monthly.

Month.	1906.			1905.			Increase (+). Decrease (—).
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	742,149	1,093,356	1,835,505	941,863	1,282,597	2,224,460	(—) 388,955
February ...	929,638	1,435,593	2,365,231	1,240,649	1,104,981	2,345,630	(+) 19,601
March ...	888,532	1,796,875	2,685,507	860,476	1,224,595	2,085,071	(+) 600,436
April ...	1,092,111	1,472,050	2,564,161	978,001	1,012,563	1,990,564	(+) 573,597
May ...	1,586,612	1,415,826	3,002,438	1,062,432	1,024,100	2,086,532	(+) 915,906
June ...	1,033,667	1,533,401	2,567,068	952,372	829,330	1,781,702	(+) 785,366
July ...	1,200,386	1,706,316	2,906,702	1,167,099	1,436,867	2,603,966	(+) 302,736
Total (7 mos.) £	7,473,195	10,453,417	17,926,612	7,202,892	7,915,033	15,117,925	(+) 2,808,687

No. 10.—Trade Comparison—Exports—Monthly.

Month.	1906.			1905.			Increase (+). Decrease (—).
	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	2,568,357	764,664	3,333,021	1,751,692	697,048	2,448,740	(+) 884,281
February ...	3,171,497	804,766	3,976,263	2,272,249	749,952	3,022,201	(+) 954,062
March ...	2,229,184	743,473	2,972,657	1,562,406	693,541	2,255,947	(+) 716,710
April ...	1,875,781	789,713	2,665,494	1,151,319	652,983	1,804,302	(+) 861,192
May ...	1,677,134	919,757	2,596,891	977,649	765,910	1,743,559	(+) 853,332
June ...	1,692,504	799,619	2,492,123	1,205,176	735,830	1,941,006	(+) 551,117
July ...	1,733,433	*	.....	1,145,883	753,235	1,899,118	(+) 587,550†
Total (7 mos.) £	14,947,890	.....	.....	10,066,374	5,048,499	15,114,873	(+) 4,881,516†

* The figures for July are not yet available.

† Oversea only.

**No. 11.—Principal Articles Imported during July, and during the seven months—
January to July.**

Article.	1906.			1905.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
July.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ale and Beer	940	12,903	13,843	1,171	8,653	9,824
Animals	107,872	1,322	109,194	297,669	2,264	300,233
Apparel and Soft Goods	27,639	448,561	476,203	24,948	406,786	431,734
Boots and Shoes	15,875	8,012	23,887	16,249	11,431	27,680
Cordage and Twines	2,005	18,290	20,295	2,063	16,174	18,237
Drugs and Chemicals	2,551	34,927	37,478	2,408	31,179	36,587
Fish—all kinds	1,064	4,844	5,908	1,747	3,942	5,689
Fruits—Dried	10,909	4,875	15,784	5,623	4,493	10,416
Fresh	17,217	5,105	22,322	26,800	81	26,881
Furniture	2,985	10,631	13,616	2,572	3,110	5,682
Glass and Glassware	1,180	14,327	15,507	1,268	7,956	9,224
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	269,943	149,726	419,669	215,056	75,887	290,943
Grain—Rice ... ..	.....	4,271	4,271	.....	6,965	6,965
Hats and Caps	3,569	20,714	24,283	1,596	16,322	17,918
Implements—Agricultural	6,191	4,215	10,406	7,909	7,284	15,193
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	159	27,323	27,482	20	9,150	9,170
Galvanized Sheet ... ..	.....	30,323	30,323	.....	26,538	26,538
Leather	11,321	21,832	33,213	7,756	11,079	18,835
Machines and Machinery	8,116	80,218	88,334	4,632	56,502	61,134
Metal Manufactures—Free	239	86,657	86,896	704	68,510	69,214
Dutiable	7,448	44,737	52,185	5,840	50,961	56,801
Oil—Kerosene ... ..	.....	1,730	1,730	.....	13,940	13,940
Spirits	2,452	25,256	27,708	2,095	38,963	41,058
Sugar	36,261	2,839	39,100	49,374	2,760	52,134
Tea ... ..	.....	37,780	37,780	.....	33,193	33,193
Timber	5,874	42,882	48,756	7,375	22,014	29,389
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	7,996	13,926	21,922	10,713	20,667	31,380
Wine	3,433	5,019	8,452	3,630	3,160	6,790
Wool	97,117	33	97,150	43,965	84	44,049
Other Articles	550,030	512,975	1,063,005	423,316	473,819	897,135
Total	£ 1,200,386	1,706,316	2,906,702	1,167,099	1,436,867	2,603,966
January to July.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ale and Beer	8,936	72,787	81,723	12,756	72,495	85,251
Animals	793,063	26,587	819,650	764,294	14,523	778,817
Apparel and Soft Goods	204,846	2,450,704	2,655,610	196,672	2,144,629	2,341,301
Boots and Shoes	95,958	80,199	176,157	94,120	69,094	163,214
Cordage and Twines	11,916	131,590	143,506	13,424	102,328	115,752
Drugs and Chemicals	22,572	186,093	208,665	12,616	132,805	145,421
Fish—all kinds	3,567	79,389	82,956	5,787	52,633	58,420
Fruits—Dried	41,128	21,608	62,736	40,715	18,781	59,496
Fresh	123,809	41,981	165,790	203,404	6,291	209,698
Furniture	16,143	45,039	61,182	13,798	37,304	51,102
Glass and Glassware	6,489	78,358	84,847	5,121	53,290	58,411
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	1,676,184	924,650	2,600,834	2,252,793	422,525	2,675,318
Grain—Rice ... ..	.....	65,191	65,191	.....	54,993	54,993
Hats and Caps	25,265	111,371	136,636	17,366	77,050	94,416
Implements—Agricultural	47,532	54,622	102,154	49,049	62,799	111,848
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	1,095	201,566	202,661	841	92,700	93,541
Galvanized Sheet	6	210,220	210,226	.....	160,108	160,108
Leather	58,148	100,060	158,208	39,235	58,078	97,313
Machines and Machinery	48,504	524,523	573,027	34,519	374,146	408,665
Metal Manufactures—Free	3,614	504,458	508,072	5,159	317,178	322,337
Dutiable	46,186	299,873	346,059	33,084	288,506	321,590
Oil—Kerosene ... ..	.....	73,016	73,016	.....	79,900	79,900
Spirits	17,373	233,643	251,016	14,207	215,228	229,435
Sugar	287,424	20,923	308,347	172,322	29,626	201,948
Tea ... ..	.....	227,088	227,088	.....	215,613	215,613
Timber	49,534	363,019	412,553	46,905	231,211	281,116
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	76,927	155,777	232,704	58,292	102,219	160,511
Wine	21,882	26,544	48,426	18,098	17,762	35,860
Wool	693,557	926	694,483	431,341	2,236	433,577
Other Articles	3,091,537	3,141,552	6,233,089	2,666,974	2,405,979	5,072,953
Total	£ 7,473,195	10,453,417	17,926,612	7,202,892	7,915,033	15,117,925

No. 12.—Principal Articles Exported Oversea during July, and during the seven months—January to July.

Article.	1906.				1905.			
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.		Value.	
	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.
July.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	52	52	£ 1,560	£ 1,560	241	241	£ 8,041	£ 8,041
Butter ... lb.	801,584	801,584	35,069	35,069	1,208,088	1,208,088	52,841	52,891
Coal ... ton	203,831	203,831	90,001	90,001	182,899	182,899	74,131	74,131
Copper ... cwt.	42,163	42,163	134,491	134,491	26,764	26,764	82,870	82,870
Fruits—Fresh ... cntl.	5,823	5,823	2,930	2,930	10,067	10,067	4,296	4,296
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	630,803	630,803	.....	.....	204,135	204,135
Grain—Wheat... bshl.	79,092	79,092	13,841	13,841	10,642	10,642	1,862	1,862
Flour ... ton	1,889	1,889	13,695	13,695	2,304	2,306	17,649	17,660
Lead ... cwt.	63,538	63,538	50,233	50,233	66,741	66,741	40,881	40,881
Leather ...	.....	.....	21,812	22,023	.....	.....	15,740	16,316
Meats—Beef ... lb.	542,624	542,624	6,58	6,589	36,029	36,029	375	375
Mutton & Lamb ..	2,788,487	2,788,487	29,08	29,086	1,057,719	1,057,719	11,017	11,017
Rabbits & Hares pair	1,378,707	1,378,707	59,018	59,018	543,846	543,846	13,596	13,596
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	746,057	747,393	13,022	13,054	692,091	694,291	14,160	14,215
Oil—Coco nut ... ton	428	429	11,704	11,720	439	439	10,767	10,767
Ores ...	.....	.....	44,207	44,206	.....	.....	38,459	38,459
Silver Bullion ... oz.	41,290	41,290	4,942	4,942	55,289	55,289	7,107	7,107
Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt.	48,252	48,252	42,220	42,220	61,185	61,185	55,057	55,057
Skins—Hides ... No.	13,373	13,373	18,075	18,075	9,805	9,805	9,754	9,754
Sheep ...	116,165	116,231	19,103	19,172	258,689	258,689	29,421	29,421
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	971,129	971,129	47,361	47,361	298,484	298,484	13,132	13,132
Other ...	.....	.....	35,702	35,702	.....	.....	30,997	30,997
Tallow ... cwt.	29,469	29,469	36,524	36,524	14,498	14,498	16,444	16,444
Timber ...	.....	.....	27,292	28,758	.....	.....	42,935	43,554
Tin ... cwt.	7,418	7,418	62,752	62,752	6,102	6,102	42,995	42,995
Wine ... gal.	3,127	3,347	1,000	1,118	3,562	3,889	1,213	1,671
Wool ... lb.	2,209,258	2,209,258	156,045	156,045	2,587,118	2,587,118	183,590	183,590
Other Articles ...	.....	.....	55,425	22,445	.....	.....	56,684	120,730
Total ... £	.....	.....	1,661,560	1,733,433	.....	.....	1,080,109	1,145,883
January to July.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	1,289	1,290	31,211	31,711	3,017	3,018	60,021	60,521
Butter ... lb.	12,590,088	12,590,088	515,660	515,660	10,993,920	10,993,980	436,149	436,152
Coal ... ton	1,064,324	1,064,324	451,859	451,859	1,029,465	1,029,465	428,462	428,462
Copper ... cwt.	201,001	201,001	732,603	732,603	190,360	190,360	604,244	604,244
Fruits—Fresh ... cntl.	16,632	17,497	10,354	11,219	25,951	27,439	13,390	14,824
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	3,362,886	3,499,746	.....	.....	1,369,222	1,369,301
Grain—Wheat... bshl.	3,833,271	3,833,271	629,419	629,419	3,954,584	3,954,584	662,478	662,478
Flour ... ton	21,629	21,634	160,020	160,074	18,004	18,042	143,788	144,161
Lead ... cwt.	445,678	445,737	338,881	338,931	519,674	519,674	296,365	296,365
Leather ...	.....	.....	146,990	150,331	.....	.....	118,554	121,471
Meats—Beef ... lb.	3,122,457	3,122,457	34,203	34,203	414,126	414,126	4,272	4,272
Mutton & Lamb ..	20,252,780	20,252,780	2,89,988	2,89,988	8,950,287	8,950,287	97,571	97,571
Rabbits & Hares pair	3,426,399	3,429,999	133,530	133,530	1,201,737	1,201,737	30,937	30,937
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	2,826,169	2,829,001	57,326	57,601	3,082,269	3,089,837	62,511	62,723
Oil—Coco nut... ton	5,431	5,433	72,465	72,490	2,808	2,808	67,979	67,979
Ores ...	.....	.....	406,595	406,605	.....	.....	214,141	244,179
Silver Bullion ... oz.	438,186	644,724	53,597	68,657	428,759	436,891	49,936	49,986
Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt.	428,671	428,671	406,485	406,485	394,968	394,968	355,663	355,663
Skins—Hides ... No.	58,163	58,163	66,159	66,159	61,490	61,490	58,471	58,471
Sheep ...	1,739,056	1,739,122	222,948	222,957	1,391,714	1,391,714	162,698	162,698
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	4,279,992	4,279,992	175,945	175,945	931,800	931,800	29,724	29,724
Other ...	.....	.....	173,859	173,859	.....	.....	99,911	99,911
Tallow ... cwt.	209,561	209,561	259,569	259,569	138,807	138,807	153,181	153,181
Timber ...	.....	.....	190,390	198,959	.....	.....	169,940	176,072
Tin ... cwt.	46,386	46,556	393,386	393,523	34,186	34,186	228,761	228,761
Wine ... gal.	24,932	26,572	6,035	7,726	14,966	17,264	4,254	7,179
Wool ... lb.	81,735,314	81,735,314	4,639,533	4,639,533	67,750,790	67,750,790	3,288,043	3,288,043
Other Articles ...	.....	.....	41,3674	898,548	.....	.....	390,890	810,995
Total ... £	.....	.....	14,294,740	14,947,890	.....	.....	9,630,712	10,066,374

NOTE.—The difference between the value of Australian produce exported and the total export represents the value of produce of overseas origin re-exported.

No. 13.—Outward Interstate Transfers during June, and during the six months, January to June.

NOTE.—The figures for July, 1906, are not yet available.

Article.	1906.			1905.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
June.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Animals—Live	119,326	1,616	120,942	106,131	.....	106,131
Apparel and Soft Goods	14,646	21,678	36,324	11,320	18,414	29,734
Biscuits	6,511	3	6,514	3,233	1	3,234
Boots and Shoes—Leather	10,753	1,170	11,923	11,010	767	11,777
Butter	6,765	8	6,773	23,620	.....	23,620
Cement	4,682	12	4,694	2,880	37	2,917
Coal	77,571	.....	77,571	62,162	.....	62,162
Fruits—Fresh	9,467	412	9,879	11,702	4	11,706
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	1,234	.....	1,234	3,336	.....	3,336
Grain—Wheat	8,772	.....	8,772	2,146	2	2,148
Flour	15,848	38	15,886	11,762	75	11,837
Hats and Caps	2,116	1,342	3,458	2,653	1,578	4,231
Leather	10,743	4,678	15,421	6,056	2,189	8,285
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	5,735	5,522	11,257	2,967	4,073	7,040
Free	1,813	3,053	4,866	1,524	2,286	3,810
Potatoes	1,981	.....	1,981	2,317	.....	2,317
Skins and Hides	14,561	60	14,621	8,378	142	8,520
Soap	3,713	1	3,714	2,966	231	3,197
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	27,605	1	27,606	181,299	.....	181,299
Spirits	1,457	7,402	8,859	786	4,886	5,672
Sugar	13,209	46	13,255	15,226	480	15,706
Tea ... ..	.....	7,987	7,987	.....	11,343	11,343
Timber	2,963	223	3,186	10,008	1,727	11,735
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	16,158	2,832	18,990	15,810	1,678	17,488
Wool	5,819	.....	5,819	2,105	..	2,105
Other Articles	249,345	108,742	358,087	97,256	87,224	184,480
Total	£ 632,793	166,826	799,619	598,693	137,137	735,830
January to June.						
Animals—Live	734,974	2,244	737,218	572,000	805	572,805
Apparel and Soft Goods	76,299	141,752	218,051	63,263	122,413	185,676
Biscuits	25,561	33	25,594	17,968	45	18,013
Boots and Shoes—Leather	51,391	7,557	58,948	52,318	3,840	56,158
Butter	35,007	17	35,024	70,048	4	70,052
Cement	13,812	187	13,999	15,467	221	15,688
Coal	392,429	.....	392,429	370,215	.....	370,215
Fruits—Fresh	40,048	5,839	45,887	42,391	2,258	44,649
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	77,293	.....	77,293	191,433	5,008	196,441
Grain—Wheat	205,918	.....	205,918	125,827	4	125,831
Flour	78,533	359	78,892	58,243	675	58,918
Hats and Caps	11,746	9,282	21,028	11,752	8,012	19,764
Leather	47,934	26,030	73,964	34,925	16,600	51,525
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	27,482	22,885	50,367	16,195	29,673	36,868
Free	6,883	17,251	24,134	7,820	11,005	18,825
Potatoes	23,330	.....	23,330	18,587	.....	18,587
Skins and Hides	64,119	60	64,179	59,490	142	59,632
Soap	23,863	1	23,875	22,208	1,771	23,979
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	129,727	1	129,728	905,936	42	905,978
Spirits	22,309	32,818	55,127	4,851	23,877	28,728
Sugar	120,876	4,528	125,404	138,029	11,772	149,801
Tea ... ..	.....	45,352	45,352	.....	51,962	51,962
Timber	12,562	976	13,538	14,405	3,021	17,426
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	89,760	15,950	105,710	82,786	12,827	95,613
Wool	93,341	.....	93,341	2,105	.....	2,105
Other Articles	1,524,488	559,174	2,083,662	596,265	493,760	1,090,025
Total	£ 3,929,685	892,307	4,821,992	3,494,527	799,737	4,285,264

No. 14.—Staple Produce Exported Oversea each Month.

Month.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Gold (coined and uncoined).	Lead and Silver-lead.	Copper.	Coal.
1905.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	697,654	154,736	81,868	247,915	95,857	66,097	42,444
February ...	1,179,195	282,986	88,884	160,050	90,625	67,469	51,852
March ...	491,893	142,418	88,142	279,404	84,761	115,539	58,264
April ...	325,317	96,987	21,850	115,753	84,354	74,458	72,693
May ...	166,436	73,369	70,170	117,805	87,102	90,667	57,778
June ...	243,958	36,259	32,344	244,166	113,391	107,144	71,300
July ...	183,590	19,511	52,891	204,135	95,938	82,870	74,131
August ...	203,456	31,833	48,402	130,109	117,016	72,782	72,110
September ...	849,228	37,682	50,671	275,612	119,149	127,638	77,859
October ...	2,038,175	27,127	54,034	163,697	90,870	171,642	79,330
November ...	2,525,296	48,045	99,678	130,001	83,015	126,267	68,291
December ...	2,237,137	84,838	127,670	142,789	81,871	155,807	115,525
1906.							
January ...	1,277,164	154,318	143,293	164,272	112,407	67,070	38,172
February ...	1,558,533	202,931	108,871	418,403	121,759	109,814	74,168
March ...	723,255	183,320	62,172	483,856	119,819	88,368	47,149
April ...	423,683	117,314	71,706	591,341	96,773	105,688	55,237
May ...	210,380	65,427	50,752	627,758	99,904	115,543	66,254
June ...	290,473	38,593	43,797	446,453	102,301	111,629	80,878
July ...	156,045	27,536	35,069	630,803	92,453	134,491	90,001

No. 15.—Shipping.

Year.	Entered.		Cleared.		Tonnage entered.		Tonnage cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Steam.	Sailing.	Steam.	Sailing.
1895 ...	2,390	2,851,546	2,405	2,854,705	2,132,753	718,793	2,161,176	693,529
1896 ...	2,444	3,005,328	2,464	3,034,957	2,303,531	701,797	2,316,744	718,213
1897 ...	2,563	3,258,461	2,652	3,358,933	2,562,513	695,948	2,618,385	740,548
1898 ...	2,602	3,402,629	2,653	3,400,970	2,736,388	666,241	2,732,516	668,454
1899 ...	2,406	3,399,349	2,523	3,468,485	2,790,046	609,303	2,839,578	628,907
1900 ...	2,784	4,014,755	2,714	3,855,748	3,206,657	808,098	3,140,449	715,299
1901 ...	2,760	4,133,200	2,853	4,274,101	3,460,193	673,007	3,513,265	760,836
1902 ...	2,888	4,367,739	2,835	4,325,480	3,704,268	663,471	3,680,850	644,630
1903 ...	2,953	4,463,648	3,007	4,466,916	3,683,142	780,506	3,649,600	817,316
1904 ...	2,718	4,419,179	2,767	4,460,014	3,769,303	649,876	3,745,584	714,430
1905 ...	2,725	4,697,511	2,694	4,684,108	4,051,884	645,627	4,041,184	642,924
Jan.-July, 1906	1,648	2,974,337	1,625	2,904,895	2,535,121	439,216	2,511,611	393,284
„ 1905	1,482	2,592,062	1,444	2,498,539	2,132,674	459,388	2,087,136	411,403
July, 1906	247	469,176	261	462,763	402,316	66,860	376,709	86,054
„ 1905	216	389,731	244	398,729	330,835	58,896	343,450	55,279

No. 16.—Trade with Principal Countries.

Country.	1885.	1890.	1895.	1900.	1904.	1905.
Imports.						
Australian States	£ 7,595,806	£ 10,049,648	£ 6,758,140	£ 10,164,080	£ 14,152,101	£ 14,938,885
United Kingdom	11,985,597	8,628,007	6,420,107	9,923,117	7,867,880	8,602,288
Canada ... ..	.....	18,784	61,742	114,321	129,054	73,443
Fiji	192,540	99,853	27,890	60,831	57,314	43,232
Hongkong	340,187	271,730	181,529	67,928	122,130	89,351
India and Ceylon	134,909	239,070	306,932	601,741	613,304	717,948
New Zealand	899,623	932,073	563,528	1,348,605	862,455	1,369,001
South Africa	290	55	34	1,013	3,944	5,254
Straits Settlements	40,913	27,148	14,074	40,391	46,366	82,830
Other British Possessions ...	109,850	6,685	18,820	118,929	77,839	67,167
Total, British Countries..	21,299,715	20,273,053	14,352,796	22,440,956	23,932,387	25,989,399
Belgium	195,318	130,819	150,288	147,661	279,861	222,994
China	303,595	241,840	133,870	190,456	15,290	28,631
France	345,231	117,871	76,663	270,084	93,043	138,028
Germany	372,557	639,475	425,697	1,105,664	819,267	864,289
Italy	1,311	23,961	39,563	92,732	76,945	73,757
Japan	1,242	22,040	28,179	122,041	182,912	145,257
New Caledonia	82,181	83,920	28,345	28,509	28,637	18,399
Philippine Islands	715	4,414	15,211	49,240	21,523	27,854
South Sea Islands	36,929	40,214	54,436	107,488	75,542	103,142
United States	1,008,572	859,102	624,268	2,557,961	1,579,345	1,636,069
Other Foreign Countries ...	90,095	178,295	63,099	448,279	181,206	176,189
Total, Foreign Countries	2,437,746	2,341,951	1,639,619	5,120,115	3,353,571	3,434,609
Total, All Countries ...	23,737,461	22,615,004	15,992,415	27,561,071	27,285,958	29,424,008
Exports.						
Australian States	6,567,084	10,990,593	7,104,812	9,979,190	9,918,050	12,263,472
United Kingdom	7,293,133	6,623,431	9,371,418	8,273,272	10,148,436	10,222,422
Canada ... ..	.....	10	16,804	66,403	25,557	41,520
Fiji	128,643	98,951	86,420	183,579	225,631	245,152
Hongkong	246,032	255,050	141,976	218,986	343,275	424,460
India and Ceylon	130,597	257,360	56,462	174,296	1,963,471	1,330,189
New Zealand	369,055	294,138	486,173	826,662	925,025	934,601
South Africa ... ..	.....	1,014	3,266	755,487	229,733	371,727
Straits Settlements	29,190	34,347	24,507	39,898	103,886	70,991
Other British Possessions ...	30,318	27,469	31,268	49,586	91,713	89,969
Total, British Countries..	14,794,052	18,582,363	17,323,106	20,567,359	23,974,777	25,994,563
Belgium	399,549	1,011,846	780,826	620,349	1,223,091	1,787,163
China	21,114	1,037	7,943	68,004	285,959	318,159
France	142,104	233,924	1,436,122	1,024,300	2,105,829	3,570,246
Germany	29,511	404,280	1,141,661	844,504	2,271,025	2,771,396
Italy	1,769	24,498	63,509	61,132	112,012	176,770
Japan	2,758	7,156	54,242	133,989	359,770	377,451
New Caledonia	153,094	193,396	71,344	179,761	141,938	135,446
Philippine Islands ... ..	.....	16,410	18,603	88,043	145,730	183,853
South Sea Islands	68,854	45,290	68,713	126,834	116,036	141,381
United States	985,531	1,300,375	683,606	3,981,242	1,763,060	602,145
Other Foreign Countries ...	151,771	225,362	285,110	468,999	517,608	698,429
Total, Foreign Countries	1,956,055	3,463,574	4,611,679	7,597,157	9,033,058	10,762,439
Total, All Countries ...	16,750,107	22,045,937	21,934,785	28,164,516	33,007,835	36,757,002

No. 17.—Banks of Issue—Liabilities. (Thirteen Banks.)

NOTE.—Liabilities to Shareholders are not included.

Quarter ended 31st December.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Deposits.			Balances due to other Banks.	Total Liabilities.
			Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	1,223,864	117,327	10,222,437	20,406,822	30,629,259	66,602	32,037,052
1896	1,237,971	111,889	10,707,611	19,128,305	29,835,916	69,000	31,254,776
1897	1,227,964	112,113	10,582,621	19,024,114	29,606,735	79,711	31,026,523
1898	1,278,940	125,414	10,812,215	19,040,496	29,852,711	54,228	31,311,293
1899	1,340,557	202,468	11,779,918	19,648,107	31,427,025	84,009	33,055,059
1900	1,417,641	209,905	12,224,510	20,009,081	32,233,591	78,594	33,909,731
1901	1,499,937	218,943	12,841,599	20,416,857	33,258,456	100,496	35,077,832
1902	1,454,415	208,521	12,587,097	20,472,785	33,059,882	207,610	34,933,428
1903	1,378,642	228,059	12,591,637	19,986,224	32,577,861	65,979	34,250,541
1904	1,345,934	196,995	12,642,715	20,638,560	33,281,275	77,028	34,901,232
1905	1,430,335	218,555	14,859,427	22,211,628	37,071,055	140,118	38,860,063
31 March, 1906 ...	1,446,193	252,569	16,076,815	22,826,225	38,903,040	223,744	40,825,548
30 June, 1906 ..	1,461,640	244,061	15,773,883	23,325,730	39,099,613	213,335	41,018,649
30 June, 1905 ...	1,345,655	238,076	14,338,927	21,633,341	35,972,268	116,995	37,672,994

No. 18.—Banks of Issue—Assets. (Thirteen Banks.)

Quarter ended 31st December.	Coin.	Bullion.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted, and all other debts due to the Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Total Assets.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	7,364,659	151,619	1,919,017	35,707,153	222,731	257,150	45,622,329
1896	6,760,851	187,845	1,914,483	35,116,696	223,487	324,406	44,527,828
1897	5,766,554	175,937	1,816,691	35,697,494	227,427	297,519	43,980,722
1898	5,564,870	200,310	1,812,804	34,403,700	256,997	399,543	42,638,224
1899	5,805,622	217,136	1,819,359	33,688,862	287,030	316,652	42,194,661
1900	5,933,076	193,050	1,874,099	34,385,388	246,998	403,816	43,036,427
1901	5,814,180	171,545	1,744,664	35,068,787	259,202	379,181	43,437,559
1902	6,329,551	223,172	1,789,902	34,654,744	287,025	346,097	43,630,491
1903	5,824,539	226,307	1,804,956	34,686,452	304,418	318,904	43,165,576
1904	6,175,911	276,446	1,808,266	32,798,708	283,002	264,615	41,606,948
1905	8,624,083	199,177	1,799,232	32,447,658	326,750	297,237	43,694,137
31 March, 1906 ...	8,636,994	191,131	1,822,947	31,604,708	324,746	381,305	42,951,831
30 June, 1906 ...	8,192,525	163,246	1,833,992	32,056,712	297,107	395,989	42,939,571
30 June, 1905 ...	7,663,600	259,449	1,816,810	31,965,018	277,609	275,254	42,257,740

No. 19.—Banks' Exchange Settlements, Sydney.

Year.	Amount.	Year.	Amount.
	£		£
1895	109,265,984	1901	167,676,706
1896	116,962,784	1902	178,637,708
1897	121,645,824	1903	180,961,406
1898	126,978,018	1904	177,797,334
1899	146,188,144	1905	189,826,381
1900	144,080,313		

Total, 1st January to 30th July, 1905 £120,232,536

,, 1st ,, 31st July, 1905 £100,891,158

No. 20.—Savings Banks.

Year.	Number of Depositors.	Value of Deposits.	Increase in Deposits during Year.	Amount Deposited.	
				Per Depositor.	Per Inhabitant.
	No.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1895	202,802	8,073,575	856,575	39 16 2	6 7 11
1896	213,608	8,522,623	449,048	39 18 0	6 13 3
1897	227,629	9,136,793	614,170	40 2 9	7 0 5
1898	242,365	9,480,944	344,151	39 2 4	7 3 4
1899	260,826	10,069,434	588,490	38 12 1	7 9 10
1900	282,643	10,901,382	831,948	38 11 5	7 19 9
1901	306,311	11,808,710	907,328	38 11 0	8 11 2
1902	323,212	12,425,464	616,754	38 8 10	8 16 7
1903	331,956	12,344,623	(—) 80,841	37 3 9	8 12 5
1904	339,602	12,743,735	399,112	37 10 6	8 15 2
1905	355,714	13,498,252	754,517	37 18 11	9 1 6

(—) Denotes decrease.

No. 21.—Life Assurance.—Business in force (exclusive of Industrial).

NOTE.—This Table refers to all offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Number of Policies.	Assurances.			Annual Premium Income.
		Sums Assured (exclusive of Bonuses).	Bonus Additions.	Total.	
		£	£	£	£
1895	270,673	79,085,735	9,259,337	88,345,072	2,675,331
1896	280,113	80,587,515	9,475,207	90,062,722	2,714,808
1897	290,112	82,216,900	9,721,036	91,937,936	2,769,612
1898	306,916	85,630,767	11,093,343	96,724,110	2,903,218
1899	327,618	89,996,612	10,533,800	100,530,412	3,037,142
1900	349,485	93,888,153	11,190,189	105,078,342	3,168,898
1901	372,823	98,168,271	11,510,243	109,678,514	3,327,803
1902	392,369	102,006,915	11,507,608	113,514,523	3,467,718
1903	418,745	107,786,226	12,585,828	120,372,054	3,677,680
1904	440,005	112,357,451	13,418,599	125,776,050	3,845,577

No. 22.—Life Assurance.—Assets and Liabilities.

NOTE.—This table refers only to Australasian offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Assets.			Liabilities.		
	Loans on Mortgages and Policies.	Government and Municipal Securities, Freehold Property, Cash on Deposit, &c.	Total.	Assurance, Endowment, and Annuity Funds.	Paid-up Capital, Reserve Funds, &c.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	15,600,229	5,896,830	21,497,059	20,475,205	1,021,854	21,497,059
1896	16,597,379	5,736,667	22,334,046	21,399,835	934,211	22,334,046
1897	17,360,627	6,036,232	23,396,859	22,537,196	859,663	23,396,859
1898	17,038,041	7,484,151	24,522,192	23,654,709	867,483	24,522,192
1899	18,272,621	7,777,844	26,050,465	25,130,924	919,541	26,050,465
1900	19,013,579	8,457,644	27,471,223	26,491,025	980,198	27,471,223
1901	19,048,449	9,891,691	28,940,140	27,932,313	1,007,827	28,940,140
1902	19,680,288	10,910,198	30,590,486	29,518,852	1,071,634	30,590,486
1903	20,599,387	11,609,060	32,208,447	31,160,834	1,047,613	32,208,447
1904	21,739,875	12,501,434	34,241,309	33,264,382	976,927	34,241,309

No. 23.—Area under Crop.

Year ended 31st March.			Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane (area cut).	Hay.	Vines. Wine-making.	All Crops.
			acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1896	...	...	596,684	211,104	23,750	14,398	319,296	4,390	1,348,600
1897	...	...	866,112	211,382	39,530	18,194	327,209	4,608	1,659,717
1898	...	...	993,350	209,588	28,605	12,936	401,073	4,490	1,821,829
1899	...	...	1,319,503	193,286	19,874	14,578	461,784	4,573	2,204,500
1900	...	...	1,426,166	214,697	29,125	9,435	554,048	4,602	2,439,639
1901	...	...	1,530,609	206,051	29,383	10,472	466,236	4,534	2,445,564
1902	...	...	1,392,070	167,333	32,245	8,790	442,163	4,889	2,276,528
1903	...	...	1,279,760	202,437	42,992	8,899	491,918	5,041	2,245,839
1904	...	...	1,561,111	226,834	51,621	10,405	496,017	5,101	2,542,919
1905	...	...	1,775,955	193,614	40,471	9,772	435,704	5,928	2,672,973
1906	...	...	1,939,447	199,353	38,543	10,313	438,036	5,292	2,838,081

No. 24.—Production of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.			Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Total value of Agricultural Production.
			bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£
1896	...	...	5,195,312	5,687,030	374,196	207,771	229,671	885,673	4,100,709
1897	...	...	8,853,445	5,754,217	834,633	320,276	334,902	794,256	5,373,614
1898	...	...	10,560,111	6,713,660	543,946	269,068	495,353	864,514	6,249,677
1899	...	...	9,276,216	6,064,842	278,007	289,206	334,297	845,232	4,874,696
1900	...	...	13,604,166	5,976,022	627,904	170,509	546,850	739,668	5,609,437
1901	...	...	16,173,771	6,292,745	593,548	199,118	526,260	891,190	5,855,674
1902	...	...	14,808,705	3,844,993	687,179	187,711	472,621	868,479	7,060,203
1903	...	...	1,585,097	3,049,269	351,758	183,105	243,379	806,140	4,138,627
1904	...	...	27,334,141	6,836,740	1,252,156	227,511	816,810	1,086,820	8,358,924
1905	...	...	16,464,415	4,985,132	652,646	199,640	366,293	928,160	5,413,710
1906	...	...	20,737,200	5,539,750	883,081	201,998	459,182	831,700	6,543,000

No. 25.—Average Yield per acre of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.			Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Value per acre.
			bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£ s. d.
1896	...	..	8·7	27·0	15·8	14·4	0·7	202	3 0 10
1897	...	...	10·2	27·2	21·1	17·6	1·0	172	3 4 9
1898	...	...	10·6	32·0	19·0	20·8	1·0	193	3 8 7
1899	...	...	7·0	31·4	14·0	19·8	0·7	185	2 4 3
1900	...	...	9·5	27·8	21·6	18·1	1·0	160	2 6 0
1901	...	...	10·6	30·5	20·2	19·0	1·1	197	2 8 0
1902	...	...	10·6	22·9	21·3	21·4	1·1	178	3 2 0
1903	...	...	1·2	15·1	8·2	20·9	0·5	160	1 16 10
1904	...	..	17·5	30·1	24·3	21·9	1·6	213	3 5 9
1905	...	...	9·3	25·6	16·1	20·4	0·8	175	2 0 6
1906	...	...	10·7	29·3	22·9	19·6	1·0	157	2 6 1

No. 26.—Live Stock.

Year ended 31st December.	Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.	All other.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1895	499,943	358,411	1,791,646	47,617,687	223,597
1896	510,636	400,183	1,825,980	48,318,790	214,581
1897	498,034	409,098	1,673,598	43,952,897	207,738
1898	491,553	416,053	1,613,463	41,241,004	247,061
1899	482,200	399,327	1,567,754	36,213,514	239,973
1900	481,417	420,148	1,562,968	40,020,506	256,577
1901	486,716	417,835	1,629,619	41,857,099	265,730
1902	450,125	351,287	1,389,939	26,649,424	193,097
1903	458,014	*523,438	1,357,140	28,656,501	221,592
1904	482,663	*591,936	1,557,193	34,526,894	330,666
1905	506,884	*644,164	1,693,809	39,506,764	310,702

* Prior to 1903 the figures include only the cows actually in milk at the time the returns were taken. The 1903 figures include 117,679 cows dry at the time, and 43,330 heifers within three months of calving. The figures for 1904 are 131,595 and 35,405 respectively, and for 1905, 154,649 and 46,559 respectively.

No. 27.—Production—Pastoral and Dairying.

Year.	Wool (as in the grease).	Tallow.	Butter.	Cheese.	Bacon and Hams.
	lb.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1895	343,040,000	1,077,215	23,295,512	2,938,785	5,250,717
1896	320,267,000	570,983	25,874,277	4,019,844	5,303,763
1897	303,315,000	656,973	29,409,966	3,937,168	6,544,781
1898	292,165,000	466,102	31,483,601	3,245,312	7,184,058
1899	254,833,000	389,838	33,033,881	2,385,987	6,831,943
1900	237,660,000	444,429	41,479,794	3,558,823	10,863,125
1901	310,075,000	450,713	39,056,878	3,838,835	11,080,891
1902	217,411,000	251,188	29,950,977	4,148,038	8,995,856
1903	227,004,000	235,198	38,727,107	4,748,176	7,864,771
1904	249,140,000	356,800	53,591,243	4,223,621	10,680,532
1905	297,154,000	492,734	53,040,248	4,625,982	11,602,439

No. 28.—Price Levels.

The index numbers are calculated on the f.o.b. prices, Sydney, based on London prices of principal articles of domestic produce exported. The average prices of 1901 are adopted as basis and called 1,000.

Period.	General Index— all articles.	Index of Pastoral Products—Wool, Tallow, Hides, Leather, &c.	Index of Metals—Silver Lead, Copper, Tin.
1901—average of year	1,000	1,000	1,000
1902 " "	1,065	1,096	935
1903 " "	1,065	1,125	992
1904 " "	1,071	1,112	1,011
1905 " "	1,150	1,192	1,149
July, 1902	1,031	1,071	961
" 1903	1,072	1,152	976
" 1904	1,050	1,115	1,023
" 1905	1,150	1,205	1,140
January, 1906	1,234	1,271	1,350
February, "	1,243	1,310	1,328
March, "	1,256	1,335	1,353
April, "	1,262	1,324	1,393
May, "	1,290	1,343	1,438
June, "	1,287	1,361	1,386
July, 1906	1,270	1,347	1,323

No. 29.—Average Prices in London of New South Wales Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat.	Flour.	Butter.		Wool.		Tallow.
			Top.	Bottom.	Greasy.	Scoured.	
	per qr. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per cwt. s.	per cwt. s.	per lb. d.	per lb. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.
July, 1905 ...	32 3	8 10 0	100	96	11	1 7	26 6
August, " ...	33 3	8 6 0	108	104	11	1 8	27 0
September, " ...	33 9	8 4 0	110	104	11½	1 8	27 6
October, " ...	33 6	8 7 0	114	106	11½	1 9	27 6
November, " ...	33 0	8 11 0	113	108	12	1 10	27 6
December, " ...	32 3	8 12 0	115	110	11½	1 8	27 6
January, 1906 ...	31 6	8 7 0	116	108	11½	1 9	27 6
February, " ...	31 3	8 5 0	106	101	11½	1 9	28 0
March, " ...	31 6	8 5 0	104	94	12¼	1 9½	28 0
April, " ...	31 1	8 1 0	95	90	12¼	1 9½	28 0
May, " ...	31 3	8 6 0	97	95	12½	1 10	27 6
June, " ...	30 9	8 1 0	97	94	12½	1 10	28 9
July, " ...	31 3	8 0 0	103	94	12	1 9	28 9

No. 30.—Average Wholesale Prices in Sydney of N.S.W. Agricultural and Dairy Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat (Milling).	Flour.	Bran.	Pollard.	Oats.	Maize.
	per bushel. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. s. d.	per bushel. s. d.
July, 1905 ...	3 4	7 17 6	9¼	10¾	2 8	2 8½
August, " ...	3 5½	7 17 6	9½	10¾	2 8	3 5¼
September, " ...	3 6½	7 19 0	10½	12¼	2 10¼	3 10
October, " ...	3 6½	8 0 0	11	13½	2 9½	4 2½
November, " ...	3 7½	8 2 6	11½	17¾	2 11¾	5 0½
December, " ...	3 8	8 2 6	10¾	12¼	2 11	4 5
January, 1906 ...	3 2½	7 15 0	9½	11¾	2 10½	4 2
February, " ...	3 1¾	7 9 9	10¾	11	2 8¾	3 11¼
March, " ...	3 2¼	7 7 9	9¾	9¾	2 7¾	3 11½
April, " ...	3 4	7 6 9	10½	10½	2 10¾	2 9
May, " ...	3 5¾	7 13 6	11½	11½	3 2¼	2 7½
June, " ...	3 6	7 17 6	11	11	3 3¼	2 8
July, " ...	3 5½	7 15 0	10¾	10½	3 4¼	2 10
	Hay (Oaten).	Butter (Best Brands).	Cheese (Loaf).	Bacon (Sides).	Lard (Bulk).	Eggs.
	per ton. £ s. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per doz. d.
July, 1905 ...	2 17 6	10½	7½	5½	4¾	10½
August, " ...	2 18 3	11¼	6¾	5½	4¾	7¾
September, " ...	3 4 10	11¾	6¾	5¼	4¾	6¾
October, " ...	3 11 3	11¾	7½	6	4¾	6¾
November, " ...	3 7 6	10½	6	6	4¾	7¾
December, " ...	3 5 0	10¾	5¾	6¾	5	9¾
January, 1906 ...	4 1 6	11¼	5½	6½	5½	8¾
February, " ...	3 4 6	10¾	5¾	7½	5½	11
March, " ...	3 11 8	10¾	5¾	7¾	5¾	12¾
April, " ...	3 7 0	9¾	5¾	6¾	5¾	14¾
May, " ...	3 15 0	9¾	5¾	6	5½	13½
June, " ...	3 18 6	10¾	6¼	5¾	5½	13¾
July, " ...	3 14 0	11	6	6	5¼	11

No. 31.—Gold produced, and Minerals exported, January to June.

Gold yield during the first six months, 1905 and 1906.

	1906.		1905.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	oz. fine.	£	oz. fine.	£
January to June	133,149	565,581	111,868	475,189
July	18,959	80,532	30,155	128,091
Total for seven months ..	152,108	646,113	142,023	603,280

Export of Minerals during the first half-year, 1905 and 1906.

Exports.	Half-year, 1906.		Half-year, 1905.		Second quarter, 1906.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£		£
Silver ingots and matte ... oz.	172,161	21,390	210,056	23,746	30,554	3,761
Silver-lead, concentrates, &c.... ton	225,863	1,177,704	224,380	1,179,981	111,998	599,699
Copper ingots, and ore* ... „	4,919	371,840	3,762	234,147	2,610	205,257
Tin ingots, and ore* ... „	1,274	187,529	1,152	138,387	658	102,411
Coal—						
To Australasian Ports ... „	1,001,392	387,388	949,141	370,799	557,403	217,149
„ other Ports	1,140,428	493,561	704,575	296,816	699,965	308,888
Total Export of Coal...	2,141,820	880,949	1,653,719	667,615	1,257,374	526,037
Grand Total	£ 2,639,412	.....	£ 2,243,876	.....	£ 1,437,165	.....

* The exports of tin and copper include metal refined from ores imported from other States and treated here. The quantity and value of the copper and tin ore imported during the first half of the years 1905 and 1906 are as follow:—

	Half-year, 1906.		Half-year, 1905.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	tons.	£	tons.	£
Copper	2,028	27,164	2,018	21,175
Tin	1,220	120,221	1,122	87,005

The silver and coal exports represent the product of the mines of this State.

No. 32.—Quantity and Value of Minerals produced, 1904 and 1905.

Minerals.	1904.		1905.		Increase in Value.	Decrease in Value.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
		£		£	£	£
Metallic—						
Gold oz. fine	269,817	1,146,109	274,267	1,165,013	18,904	.....
Silver „	1,121,402	123,256	417,520	52,196	.....	71,060
Silver—lead and ore ... ton	397,220	1,942,284	441,447	2,441,856	499,572	.....
Lead—pig, &c.... „	5,883	65,964	210	2,657	.....	63,307
Zinc spelter & concentrates „	57,603	117,978	103,532	221,155	103,177	.....
Tin ingots and ore ... „	1,700	188,377	1,957	226,110	37,733	.....
Copper ingots and ore... „	8,932	406,001	8,592	527,403	121,402	.....
Antimony and ore ... „	109	503	388	5,221	4,718	.....
Bismuth „	40	12,329	55	20,763	8,434	.....
Wolfram „	89	8,432	86	7,361	.....	1,071
Scheelite „	16	1,406	138	10,122	8,716	.....
Molybdenite „	25	2,726	19	2,507	.....	219
Platinum oz.	535	1,070	398	825	.....	245
Non-metallic—						
Coal ton	6,019,809	1,994,952	6,632,138	2,003,461	8,509	.....
Coke „	17,1006	110,692	162,961	100,306	.....	10,386
Kerosene shale... .. „	37,871	26,770	38,226	21,247	.....	5,523
Alunite „	370	925	2,702	6,750	5,825	.....
Limestone flux... .. „	24,975	14,434	14,941	9,519	.....	4,915
Ironstone flux „	8,661	6,628	6,801	4,525	.....	2,103
Marble ... .. „	.....	1,600	.....	2,420	820	.....
Diamonds carat	14,296	11,620	6,354	3,745	.....	7,875
Opal ... .. „	.....	57,000	.....	59,000	2,000	.....
Sundry minerals ... ..	.....	2,204	.....	2,919	715	.....
Total ... .. £	.....	6,243,260	.....	6,897,081	653,821	.....
					Net increase _e	.....

NOTE.—The above table does not include iron made from scrap valued at £80,504 in 1904 and £85,693 in 1905, nor lime and Portland cement valued at £68,000 and £103,119, respectively, in 1904 and 1905. These items are accounted for in the manufacturing returns.

No. 33.—Value of Minerals Produced.

Year.	Gold.	Silver, Silver-lead, and Ore.	Copper.	Tin.	Coal.
	£	£	£	£	£
1895	1,315,929	1,642,671	136,969	87,937	1,095,327
1896	1,073,360	1,785,451	197,814	68,546	1,125,281
1897	1,104,315	1,698,239	283,174	49,900	1,230,041
1898	1,201,743	1,704,055	272,686	45,638	1,271,833
1899	1,623,320	2,070,657	395,451	90,482	1,325,799
1900	1,070,920	2,604,117	425,301	142,724	1,668,911
1901	737,164	1,854,463	412,292	76,544	2,178,929
1902	684,970	1,440,179	307,806	59,593	2,206,598
1903	1,080,029	1,501,403	446,286	155,723	2,319,660
1904	1,146,109	2,065,540	406,001	188,377	1,994,952
1905	1,165,013	2,494,052	527,403	226,110	2,003,461

No. 34.—Manufactories.

Year ended 31st December.	Number of Establish- ments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Plant and Machinery.	Total Wages Paid.	Value of Output.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
		No.	No.	No.	£	£	£
1895	2,723	41,546	6,484	48,030	5,255,129	Not available.	
1896	2,928	42,908	6,932	49,840	5,035,905	"	
1897	2,826	44,333	7,106	51,439	5,294,228	"	
1898	2,839	44,673	7,845	52,518	5,435,696	"	
1899	2,912	47,063	8,583	55,646	5,640,384	"	
1900	3,077	50,516	10,263	60,779	5,707,640	4,974,216	Not available.
1901	3,367	54,556	11,674	66,230	5,860,725	4,945,079	24,393,471
1902	3,396	54,326	11,943	66,269	6,795,843	5,080,740	Not available.
1903	3,476	52,453	13,180	65,633	7,009,806	4,839,557	26,391,028
1904	3,632	53,457	14,579	68,036	7,536,903	5,012,758	27,159,230
1905	3,700	56,117	16,058	72,175	7,919,950	5,191,350	30,028,150

No. 35.—Railways.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles open for traffic.	Capital expended on lines open.	Net earnings.	Train miles run.	Net earnings per train mile.	Passengers carried.
	No.	£	£	No.	s. d.	No.
1895	2,531	36,611,366	1,310,615	7,594,281	3 5½	19,725,418
1896	2,531	36,852,194	1,268,529	7,719,618	3 3½	21,005,048
1897	2,640	37,369,205	1,413,524	8,130,405	3 5¾	22,672,924
1898	2,691	37,719,402	1,412,143	8,340,338	3 4¾	23,233,206
1899	2,707	37,992,276	1,454,831	8,806,647	3 3¾	24,726,067
1900	2,811	38,477,269	1,394,052	8,894,352	3 1½	26,486,873
1901	2,846	38,932,781	1,530,578	10,763,697	2 10¼	29,261,324
1902	3,026	40,565,073	1,401,317	11,649,059	2 4¾	30,885,214
1903	3,139	41,054,977	1,048,594	11,548,338	1 9¾	32,384,138
1904	3,281	42,288,517	1,177,473	10,400,503	2 3¼	33,792,689
1905	3,281	43,062,550	1,491,869	10,467,886	2 10¼	35,158,150
1906	3,390	43,626,063	1,926,407	11,863,682	3 3	37,500,531
*June, 1906	3,390	43,626,063	455,278	2,842,373	3 2½	9,764,605
*June, 1905	3,281	42,288,517	367,137	2,464,465	2 11¾	9,032,332

* Quarter ended 30th June.

No. 36.—Manufacturing Industries, 1905.

Class of Industry.	Number of Establishments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Machinery, Implements, and Plant.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	
		No.	No.	No.	£
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	254	2,905	12	2,917	217,957
Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ...	47	566	94	660	153,033
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	238	3,312	101	3,413	398,957
Working in Wood ...	449	5,226	18	5,244	376,665
Metal Works, Machinery, &c. ...	352	13,795	36	13,831	1,529,901
Connected with Food, Drink and Narcotics	677	9,734	1,812	11,546	2,505,353
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials	694	6,139	11,967	18,106	260,206
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	321	5,178	1,290	6,468	627,287
Musical Instruments, &c. ...	6	315	33	348	5,275
Arms and Explosives ...	3	14	2	16	290
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	250	2,370	47	2,417	38,006
Ship and Boat Building ...	35	1,474	4	1,478	162,065
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	113	1,821	145	1,966	29,269
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	39	598	271	869	96,114
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments...	8	60	11	71	2,260
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	32	363	30	393	11,353
Heat, Light, and Power ...	132	1,623	53	1,676	1,486,891
Leatherware, n.e.i. ...	9	170	10	180	4,751
Minor Wares, n.e.i. ...	41	454	122	576	14,317
Total ...	3,700	56,117	16,058	72,175	7,919,950
	Value of Materials used.	Value of Fuel Consumed.	Value of Goods Manufactured or work done.	Value of Production, being value added to Raw Materials.	Wages Paid.
	£	£	£	£	£
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	2,845,445	19,004	3,321,516	457,067	175,616
Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ...	362,559	7,803	548,239	177,877	43,548
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	113,556	73,213	649,216	462,347	284,363
Working in Wood ...	964,989	17,984	1,628,000	645,027	378,057
Metal Works, Machinery, &c. ...	3,274,480	225,585	6,282,061	2,781,996	1,378,651
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	8,018,302	107,893	10,484,959	2,358,764	793,193
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials	1,531,782	9,486	2,830,795	1,283,627	821,918
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	427,453	10,042	1,285,491	847,996	519,191
Musical Instruments, &c. ...	39,359	257	94,414	54,798	29,328
Arms and Explosives ...	2,072	7	3,620	1,541	765
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	190,486	4,118	451,855	257,251	154,510
Ship and Boat Building ...	76,420	5,429	261,229	179,380	156,616
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	224,354	1,363	454,620	228,903	141,352
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	180,750	4,375	384,225	199,100	54,156
Surgical and Other Scientific Instruments...	3,123	105	14,153	10,925	6,180
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	33,605	373	82,683	48,705	30,219
Heat, Light, and Power ...	223,227	84,552	1,047,177	739,398	184,856
Leatherware, n.e.i. ...	45,960	277	70,466	24,229	10,915
Minor Wares, n.e.i. ...	78,798	834	133,431	53,799	27,916
Total ...	18,636,720	572,700	30,028,150	10,818,730*	5,191,350

* If £220,300, the value added to articles already included in primary industries be deducted, the total value of the production from the manufacturing industries is £10,598,000.

No. 37.—Current Rates of Wages.

Mechanics, Artisans, and others (without Board and Lodging).

Bakers (per week), 50/- to 60/-
 Blacksmiths, 10/- per day; average, 50/-
 Boilermakers—
 1/3 per hour, new work } approximate average
 1/4 " old work } per week, 35/-
 Brassfinishers, 1/- per hour; average, 42/-
 Brassmoulder, 1/3 " " 50/-
 Bricklayers, 1/4½ " " 45/-
 Brickmakers, 1/- " " 40/-
 Carpenters and joiners, 1/3 per hour; av'ge, 5/-
 Coach-painters, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/- to 50/-
 Coachsmiths, 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-
 Compositors (piecework)—
 1/- to 1/1 per 1,000 ens.
 52/- per week (jobbing).
 Linotype (newspapers), -/3 per 1,000 ens.
 Time rate, 1/6 per hour (day).
 " 1/9 " (night).
 Cooper (piecework), 50/- to 60/- per week.
 Coppersmiths, 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-
 Engineers, 1/3 to 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-
 Engine-drivers, 30/- to 50/- per week; av'ge, 40/-
 Engine-fitters, 1/3 to 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-
 Galvanised iron workers, 1/1½ per hour; av'ge, 50/-
 Gas-fitters, 1/4½ per hour; average, 55/-
 General labourers, 7/- per day.
 Skilled " 8/- " " ; average, 40/-
 Ironmoulders, 1/3 per hour; average, 40/-
 Iron-turners, 1/3 " " 50/-

Masons and stone cutters, 1/4½ per hour; average, 40/-
 Navvies—av'ge, 7/- to 8/- per day; 40/- per week.
 Painters and paperhangers (44 hours per week),
 1/2 per hour; average, 35/- per week.
 Pattern-makers, 10/- to 12/- per day.
 Plasterers, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-
 Plumbers, 1/4½ " " 50/-
 Saddlers (piecework), average, 48/- to 50/-
 Shipwrights (adults), 11/- to 12/- per day.
 Shop assistants (per week)—
 Butchers, with board, 25/- to 30/-
 " without board, 35/- to 45/-
 Drapers (males), 30/- to 45/-
 " (females), 12/6 to 20/-
 Grocers, 30/- to 45/-
 Ironmongers, 30/- to 40/-
 Tinsmiths, 1/1½ and 1/2 per hour; average, 50/-
 Trolly and Draymen, 1 horse, 40/-; 2 horses, 45/-
 per week of 57 hours. 2/6 per week for each
 additional horse.
 Typewriters (females), 10/- to 30/- per week.
 Wharf labourers—
 Deep sea, 1/3 per hour; 1/9 overtime;
 average, 30/-
 Interstate and coastal, 1/1½ per hour; 1/4
 overtime; average, 30/-
 Wheelwrights, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-
 Woolwashers, 7/- per day.

Average Wages for Adults in Factories (per week).

Aerated water bottlers, 35/-
 Boat builders (average, 40/-), 54/-
 Bookbinders (average, 50/-), 52/-
 Bootmakers, male (average, 38/-), 45/-
 Bootmakers, female machinists (av'ge, 12/6), 15/-
 Brewery hands, 36/- to 44/-
 Cabinetmakers (average, 50/-), 52/-
 Dressmakers, 12/6 to 20/-
 Gasworks labourers, 40/-
 Milliners, 12/6 to 20/-
 Paper-bag makers, females—
 Handwork, 15/- to 18/-
 Machinists, 16/- to 20/-
 " males, 30/- to 40/-

Paper box makers, males, 25/- to 45/-
 " females, 10/- to 20/-
 Sawmill labourers, 36/- to 40/-
 Tailors (coat hands), 45/- to 55/-
 Tailoresses (coat hands), 20/- to 25/-
 " (trousers and vest), order, 10/- to 22/6.
 " " " factory, 10/- to 20/-
 Tanners, 43/-
 Tobacco (piecework)—
 Cigar makers, male, 40/-
 " " female, 23/-
 Upholsterers, male, 52/-

NOTE.—The averages stated indicate the approximate amount earned per week all the year round in the specified trades. An ordinary working day consists of eight hours. The rates shown are practically the minimum.

Interstate Steamers (per month).

Officers, chief, £14 to £17; 2nd, £11 to £13;
 3rd, £9 to £10; 4th, £8.
 Engineers, chief, £20 to £27 10s.; 2nd, £16 to
 £19; 3rd, £14 to £15; 4th, £12.

Firemen, £8 10s. to £10.
 Trimmers, £6 10s. to £7.
 Able seamen, £7.
 " " (sailing ships), average, £5.

State (New South Wales) Steamers.

Firemen, £9 to £10.

Trimmers, £7.

Able Seamen, £7 (6-hour watches).

No. 37.—Current Rates of Wages—*continued.**Farm and Station Hands (with rations and lodging), per week or per year.*

Married couples (without encumbrances), farm, £65; station, £70 to £80.	Stockmen, £45 to £52.
Farm labourers, 15/-	Country blacksmiths, station, 30/-; general (without station rations), 50/- to 60/-
Boundary riders, 15/- to 40/-	Useful boys, 7/6 to 12/6.
Bullock drivers, 17/6 to 20/-	Shearers (per 100 sheep), no rations, 20/-
Dairy hands, 12/6 to 20/-	Harvest hands, 30/-
Rouseabouts and shed hands, 12/6 to 15/-	Orchard hands, 10/- to 20/-
Horse team drivers, 20/- to 22/6.	Vignerons, 15/- to 17/6.

Domestic Servants (with board and lodging), per week.

Cooks—	House and parlourmaids, 12/- to 14/-
Hotel, 12/- to 30/-	General servants, 10/- to 18/-
Station, 20/- to 25/-	Gardeners, 12/6 to 25/-
Private house, 15/- to 20/-	Grooms and coachmen, 15/- to 20/-
Boarding house, 20/- to 30/-	Nursemaids, and assist in house, 6/- to 10/-
Laundresses, 20/-	Useful girls, 4/- to 8/-
Cook and laundress, 15/- to 20/-	Waitresses (board only), 12/- to 15/-

No. 38.—Postal Communication.

Year.	Post Offices open.	Letters carried.	Post cards and letter cards carried.	Newspapers carried.	Packets, books, and parcels carried.	Miles of telegraph wire.	Telegrams transmitted.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1895	1,972	68,079,018	1,294,690	44,902,900	11,682,072	12,316	2,635,456
1896	2,006	68,845,675	1,406,560	45,558,340	16,109,750	12,418	2,796,776
1897	2,046	72,490,144	1,534,710	42,426,394	13,258,207	12,778	2,728,360
1898	2,098	75,119,595	1,862,100	42,570,850	17,093,767	13,242	2,866,570
1899	2,152	74,686,138	2,040,610	46,806,560	14,641,064	13,663	3,112,063
1900	2,189	77,361,604	2,241,090	51,500,920	14,558,454	14,065	3,219,907
1901	2,208	80,301,717	2,481,750	52,317,650	15,216,387	14,272	3,449,315
1902	2,216	88,077,145	2,704,250	47,763,350	16,995,440	14,356	3,627,369
1903	2,228	89,156,941	3,081,270	37,900,840	16,305,421	14,395	3,638,591
1904	2,239	93,752,099	4,518,088	40,384,812	19,485,389	14,491	3,637,280
1905	2,266	102,292,888	9,665,700	44,599,104	23,077,094	14,827	3,837,962

No. 39.—Meteorology.

District.	July, 1906.					July— (Mean 1896-1905.)			Mean annual— All previous years.	
	Temperature.			Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Mean Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.
	Mean.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.							
	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.
North Coast—										
Grafton ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	55·4	3·25	5	68·4	38·91
Hunter and Manning—										
Singleton	49·8	61·0	38·5	0·26	3	49·6	3·06	7	64·4	30·15
Cumberland—										
Sydney	54·0	61·9	46·0	0·20	7	51·9	6·00	13	62·8	49·05
South Coast—										
Bega	47·0	59·4	34·5	0·45	1	45·5	3·33	6	59·8	32·49
Northern Tableland—										
Armidale	42·0	54·4	29·6	1·33	6	41·9	2·42	9	56·4	31·87
Central Tableland—										
Bathurst	43·3	54·3	32·3	0·94	10	43·1	1·91	10	57·2	23·96
Southern Tableland—										
Goulburn	40·7	49·8	31·6	0·97	8	41·8	2·28	12	56·4	25·91
North-western Slope—										
Gunnedah	49·2	62·3	35·5	0·26	3	48·0	1·69	6	66·2	24·93
Central-western Slope—										
Dubbo	47·3	63·2	31·4	0·39	5	47·7	1·75	8	63·5	22·36
South-western Slope—										
Wagga	46·5	57·7	35·2	1·47	11	46·4	2·00	10	61·5	21·71
North-western Plain—										
Moree	47·3	68·7	35·9	0·43	5	50·8	1·80	6	68·8	23·29
Central-western Plain—										
Coonamble ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	50·1	1·41	5	65·8	20·12
Riverina—										
Deniliquin	48·0	57·4	38·6	1·06	10	48·4	1·31	8	61·9	16·35

NOTE.—The information in regard to Grafton and Coonamble was not available.